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CHRISTMAS ALL LIT UP

By Oliver Evans

CHRISTMAS officially kicks off in Banbury on Sunday when *Coronation Street* stars switch on the Christmas lights.

Thousands of people are expected to converge on a stage in Bridge Street for the 5.30pm switch-on outside the town hall.

Corrie stars Jack P. Shepherd and Ryan Thomas – who play David Platt and Jason Grimshaw – will be the guests of honour.

Banbury Sound breakfast presenter Kirsty Leahy and Radio Horton's Stewart Green will introduce musical acts from 2pm.

First on, at 2.10pm, will be Brackley's Jenna Hone, who won Banbury Sound's Search for a Christmas Star contest to sing at the event.

The music will continue with Banbury Rock Choir at 2.35pm and local indie pop four-piece Dance a la Plage at 2.55pm.

Rock covers band Transmission – whose repertoire includes classics by The Police, U2 and The Killers – will play at 3.45pm.

Then Robbie Williams tribute act Paul Reason will ask the crowd to *Let Me Entertain You* at 4.30pm.

The soap stars will take to the stage at 5.15pm for a chat with the hosts before the switch-on, to be followed by a spectacular fireworks show. The stars will then meet fans and sign autographs.

The event has been organised by Banbury Town Council. Christmas lights committee chairman Tina Wren said: "It has become traditional to invite a soap star to press the all-important button, and this year we have doubled the attraction by getting two personalities to do the job."

"Ryan and Jack are both long-standing

Coronation Street stars, fireworks and music to kick off the festive season



Coronation Street stars Ryan Thomas, left, and Jack P. Shepherd

members of the *Corrie* cast. They have good storylines at the moment and will be popular visitors to Banbury."

She said: "I shall enjoy meeting them and I know that many people in town want to chat to them and have photographs taken with them. I'm looking forward to a great day."

"I would advise people to get there early if they want a place near the stage."

Banbury & District Chamber of Commerce

chairman Claire Kingsbury said: "It is great because it is another reason for people to come into the town at such a busy time of the year."

"It is always well attended and a real positive for the town centre."

Weekend parking will be free in Cherwell District Council car parks from December 1. The council is to waive charges every Saturday, Sunday and Monday until January 7 in a bid to boost trade.



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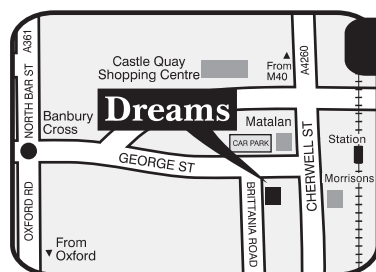


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Smash and grab raider is jailed for five years

By Joe Nimmo

THE have-a-go-hero who rugby tackled a hammer-wielding robber said he was glad to see him behind bars.

Thanks to members of the public, Jimmy Stringer did not get far after a smash-and-grab raid on a Banbury jewellery shop.

Last Wednesday, Stringer was jailed for five years and three months at Oxford Crown Court.

The 23-year-old and his gang terrified staff by breaking the windows of the Michael Jones Jewellery with hammers, before stealing more than £100,000 worth of watches on September 17.

He arrived with three accomplices, one of whom was carrying a sledgehammer, on two mopeds and tried to escape on foot along Banbury High Street.

Ali Shehan, 50, from Banbury, was walking nearby when he heard shouts and saw Stringer bearing down on him.

"The guy came running at me and had a hammer in his hand," he said.

■ Hammer-wielding robber stopped by have-a-go hero

"Everybody was behind him and chasing but he was fast. I don't think anybody would have caught up with him."

"But I saw him coming, and I saw the smoke coming out of the shop, so I went and tackled him. Luckily he landed on his face and I went onto my back. He was very strong."

"I'm very happy he's gone to prison – these people shouldn't be on the streets. I'm glad he got five years but it should have been more."

"It was horrible; there was a 19-year-old girl working in that shop – how is she going to feel for the rest of her life?"

Other people tried to stop Stringer, including a man who threw an advertising board at him and an elderly lady who swung her walking stick in his direction.

When Mr Shehan managed to wrestle him to the ground he was helped by other passers by, despite

Stringer's shouts that they would end up "dead" for stopping him.

Stringer appeared in custody for sentencing last Wednesday.

Jonathan Stone, prosecuting, said although the damage to the shop's windows had been caused by other members of the gang, Stringer had still acted in a way that had terrified the shop's staff.

He said: "He did take the hammer in as well and, although it wasn't used, had the opportunity arisen it is likely he would have used it to help him escape."

He added that a DNA profile had been retrieved from the scene and it was possible that further arrests in the case would follow.

Defence barrister William Woodman said the raid had been "unsophisticated" and was motivated by Stringer's financial problems.

He said: "There is no suggestion the hammer he carried was waved at anyone or used to threaten anyone."

Judge Patrick Eccles noted that the defendant had already been given a three-year sentence for trying to break into another jeweller's at night.

He said: "This was a determined smash-and-grab raid on a high street jeweller's. And it failed only because of the courage and presence of mind, not only of those working in the shop, but also a number of members of the public."

The gang caused around £30,000 worth of damage to the jeweller's and its merchandise. The other members of the group remain at large.



Jimmy Stringer is arrested after the robbery

InBRIEF

Peace gesture by community

■ **BANBURY:** One thousand roses are to be given out by the Muslim community as a gesture of peace on Saturday.

Organisers from the Shifa Trust will give away the roses outside Yorkshire Bank in High Street and HMV in Castle Street from noon.

The event is meant to send a positive message.

Open events on campuses

■ **N OXON:** Oxford & Chervell Valley College is to hold open events at its Broughton Road, Banbury and Telford Road, Bicester campuses. Staff will be on hand to talk about courses on Wednesday, November 28, from 4pm to 7pm.

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InBRIEF**Awards for businesses**

■ **N OXON:** Businesswomen were honoured at the Banbury Women In Business Awards 2012.

The event at Rye Hill Golf Club earlier this month celebrated women in business and presented a new award for young entrepreneurs.

The winners were:

■ **Lisa Kershaw, Spot-Less Professional Valeting** – Green Award.

■ **Claire Dumbreck, Propel Technology** – New Business.

■ **Kim Bendzak, Apple Construction Training** – Established Business.

■ **Nadiya Virani-Bland, Brethertons** – Inspirational Woman Within a Business.

■ **Kim Bendzak, Apple Construction Training** – Inspirational Woman Business Owner.

■ **Kainat Tariq, Inkedin** – Young Entrepreneur Award.

Get festive concert ticket

■ **BANBURY:** The town's Celebration of Christmas concert in aid of local charities will be held in Banbury Town Hall on Saturday, December 1.

Tickets cost £5 for the 6.30pm event, which will be held by candlelight.

Proceeds will go to local charities. Tickets are available in the town hall from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

Donate toys to the needy

■ **BANBURY:** An annual toy appeal that seeks presents for needy families will be held next week, from Monday to Friday.

Banbury Town Council will receive toys at the town hall in Bridge Street from 10am to 4pm to give to local family centres.

Church installs energy generator to cut its carbon footprint

Solar panels given blessing by Bishop

By Andrew Ffrench

THE Bishop of Oxford proved his head for heights when he climbed on to the roof of a church to bless some new solar panels.

The Rt Rev John Pritchard climbed to the top of St Peter and St Paul's Church in Deddington to give the panels his blessing last Thursday.

The 42 photovoltaic panels were installed by SMC Solar, a company based in Stanford in the Vale, near Wantage.

Bishop John said: "I was really impressed to see the solar panels here on the church.

"There's never been a more urgent time to take green approaches to the generation of energy, and every scheme like this helps a little.

"This is another example of great innovation and imagination from Deddington Church and I congratulate the parish on their vision."

SMC Solar spokesman Martin Trinder said the church invested more than £20,000.

He added: "We have installed these panels on churches in Kent and Reading and hope other churches in Oxfordshire do the same."

Curate Dan Inman said the 40 photovoltaic panels were installed in March.

He added: "The panels were installed using money raised by the local community, as part of our desire to reduce our carbon footprint and as a long-term means of raising funds for the church as a local community centre.

"By selling energy to the National Grid we will be able to generate about £3,500 a year towards the maintenance and upkeep of the church.

"Blessing solar panels is probably one of the more unusual requests received by the Bishop but he was happy to bless the panels because he is very keen to reduce the carbon footprint of churches in the Oxford Diocese."



The Bishop of Oxford blesses the panels, watched by Martin Trinder, and the Rev Dr Amanda Bloor

Schools encouraged to help environment

PUPILS are to carry out energy audits in schools across Oxfordshire in a bid to help the environment and save money.

As part of EDF Energy's Switch Off Fortnight – which started on Monday – pupils will be challenged to switch off lights and unused electrical appliances, and track power use in the classroom and at home.

Charts encouraging a competitive element to the drive have been issued to the 46

schools across the county which have signed up.

St Birinus School in Didcot, New College School in Oxford, Clanfield Primary School in Bampton, Caldecott Primary School in Babington and Grove CofE School in Wantage are some of those who are taking part, joining thousands across the country.

Also issued are 'take it home' secret mission worksheets for pupils to help family

members to reduce their energy consumption and adopt good habits.

Oxfordshire County Council has announced that schools will be responsible for paying the majority of the county's six-figure energy tax bill and is asking them to reduce their carbon footprint.

The tax has been imposed on Oxfordshire County Council by the Government.

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■ Children's hospital patient joins big names

Erin is to star at charity concert

By Jamie Brooks

STARS including Monty Python legend Michael Palin are supporting a special carol concert in aid of Oxford Children's Hospital.

The Dorchester Abbey Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday, December 6, and will feature celebrity readers Mr Palin, Wendy Craig, Hannah Gordon and Sir Tim Rice, as well as a performance from the Winchester Cathedral Choir.

The concerts have become a fixture in the hospital's fundraising calendar, with the previous three events raising more than £150,000.

The last concert was held two years ago. Previous celebrity readers have included Sue Lawley, Rory Bremner and Jason Donovan.

As well as the big names, Erin Brewer, eight, of Cromwell Road, Banbury, will also be giving a talk.

Erin, who has cystic fibrosis, has been a patient at the hospital since she was five.

Her mum, Clare Boniface, 30, said her daughter didn't have too many problems with the disease until she was five, when it started to severely affect her lungs.

She now has to have intensive two-week treatments every few months at the hospital, as well as having some surgery.

Miss Boniface said: "Despite everything, Erin really enjoys her time at the children's hospital and has built up a great relationship with the staff, who go out of their way to make her happy."

"We are incredibly indebted to the hospital for all the care they give Erin, so we are delighted to be able to support this Christmas concert by sharing a little of Erin's story."

"Erin's looking forward to it, even if she is a bit nervous."

"I have seen kids with all kinds of different conditions at the hospital and the treatment they are able to offer them is amazing."

Eight-year-old Erin Brewer, from Banbury, who has cystic fibrosis



Erin recently returned from a holiday with Dreamflight, a UK charity which changes young lives by taking seriously ill and disabled children on holiday to Orlando, Florida. Erin was nominated by her physiotherapist at the children's hospital.

Nigel Talbot Rice, chairman of the committee organising the concert, said: "I know Tim Rice and Michael Palin personally and we are most fortunate that, as well as Wendy Craig and Hannah Gordon, they also have agreed to be with us."

Children's hospital fundraiser Penny Hambridge said: "The Dorchester concerts are exceptional events that have raised huge sums of money."

"Thanks to them we have been able to purchase some really exciting equipment, including state-of-the-art incubators and specialist equipment that helps very sick babies to go through the MRI scanner without being moved from their incubator."

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How vision can affect learning

■ **BANBURY:** The ways in which vision can affect learning for children and young people with reading difficulties will be explored at an event at Oxford & Chervell Valley's Banbury Campus.

It will take place on Thursday, November 29, from 6pm to 8pm. The event will be hosted by specialist teachers based there, including an expert in behavioural optometry.

College social enterprise support officer Christine King said: "The evening will explore the signs to look out for, and what can be done to help."

To reserve a free place call 01865 550550.

InBRIEF**Appeal after lorry is taken**

■ **BODICOTE:** A lorry was stolen at about 5.30pm on Friday.

The victim parked the white Leyland DAF 45 in the yard of The Flyover Farm shop in White Post Road.

But at 6.20pm they noticed that the rigid lorry with a Hiab black crane on the back had been stolen.

Around the time the vehicle was stolen, a man was seen in the area. He was of medium build and was wearing a hooded top.

The vehicle was later recovered in Circuit Close, Willenhall, West Midlands.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 and ask to speak to Pc Jo Hurst.

Charities get networking

■ **BANBURY:** A charity is hosting a networking event with a difference.

Four charities – Banbury Young Homeless Project, OYAP Trust, SKIDZ and Map – are urging businesses to go along and see how they can engage with young people and share skills.

The event takes place at BYHP's headquarters at 101 and ask to speak to Pc Jo Hurst.

Caravan destroyed as explosion causes fire



The remains of the burnt-out caravan

POLICE are following a fire which tore through a caravan in Banbury following a gas cylinder explosion as suspected arson.

Residents in Edmunds Road had to be woken and moved from their homes at 12.16am on Friday, as fire crews dealt with the blaze.

The cylinder had caught fire in garages off Edmunds

Road, setting the caravan alight and damaging a neighbouring fence and shed.

Police spokesman Rhianne Pope said officers were treating the incident as suspicious and investigations continued as the owner of the caravan had not been located.

Twelve firefighters from two crews fought the blaze for

more than two hours, after those living nearby were woken and asked to move to the front of their homes.

The cylinder was doused with pressure jets by firefighters working from behind cover, until it had been cooled sufficiently to enable it to be removed safely.

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Application for superfast broadband cash

Bid to increase Internet speed

WEST Oxfordshire could be among the first areas to benefit from a Government grant to increase broadband speeds.

The Cotswold Broadband Group has applied to a £20m Government fund – the rural community broadband fund, which helps difficult-to-reach homes in rural areas.

Their full application for funds from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) was submitted this month.

While Chipping Norton will be covered by superfast broadband from BT next year, the project is to ensure that the whole area around it – involving around 9,000 homes in

By Jamie Brooks

more remote areas – have access to the hi-tech service. Fibre-optic cable will be connected to the more remote homes and businesses.

The aim is for households and businesses to face no disadvantage from living and working in rural West Oxfordshire.

Chief executive Hugo Pickering, who lives in Lyneham, said: "We are confident that the full funding we are looking for can be achieved. We are working with Defra to make sure this gets through and we're also working with other organisations,

such as Oxfordshire County Council."

A spokesman for Defra said: "Superfast broadband is absolutely crucial for rural economic growth. We have promised to deliver the best superfast broadband network in Europe by 2015, overcoming social isolation and giving rural businesses the infrastructure they need to thrive and create jobs."

An announcement about the level of funding the group will receive is expected in the next six weeks.

To find out more about the Cotswold Broadband Group visit cotswoldsbroadband.co.uk

Concern over lack of care home activities

CARE homes in Oxfordshire need to provide more activities for residents, a report has warned.

Members of the Oxfordshire Local Involvement Network recently visited 30 residential homes across the county.

And although their report to the county council's adult services scrutiny committee said they witnessed many good examples of care, most providers didn't do enough with their charges.

Report co-author Mary Judge

said: "Activities are a matter for concern. Most have very little to get people through the day."

The council's deputy director for joint commissioning, Sara Livadeas, said the council would take the issues raised on board.

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'Grave' probe is called off

■ **BANBURY:** An investigation into disturbed earth thought to be an unofficial grave has been called off.

A council worker discovered the patch of earth in Bankside Park on November 14.

Police investigated after a mysterious item was discovered in the earth, initially thought to be human remains.

Det Insp Steven Duffy of Banbury CID said: "Regarding the forensic examination of the item found buried at Bankside, Banbury, we have concluded that the find was not human remains."

"No further investigation is now to be carried out. The incident is not being treated as suspicious."

Freemasons help hospice

■ **OXON:** More than £10,000 has been donated to three hospices by the Freemasons.

Adderbury-based Katharine House Hospice will receive £2,419. Roger Hampshire, charity steward of the Freemasons of Oxfordshire, said: "These donations are part of our annual commitment to hospices."

■ Men across the county grow moustaches to raise cash for cancer

Joining Movember in memory of granddad



Damian Orman, front right, and his colleagues at Property Care Complete Maintenance Ltd

By Pete Hughes

THEY may be a bit itchy, but moustaches are beginning to take hold on upper lips across North Oxfordshire.

Three weeks into November, the annual month-long campaign which aims to raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancers, men are bonding over their new-found sense of masculinity.

Damian Orman, of Sandford St Martin, has more reason than most to wear his moustache with pride.

He is growing his in memory of his grandfather, John Aldworth, who died of prostate cancer in 2007.

Mr Orman said he had been close to his grandfather, a mechanic who ran the Auto Work garage in Oxford.

He said his grandfather loved vintage cars and, after bringing them up to scratch, he and his wife Mary would go out driving for the day.

Mr Orman would regularly spend

evenings at Mr and Mrs Aldworth's home in Kidlington playing the card game American Beanie, and Mr Orman would talk about going travelling.

The 32-year-old said: "He once said to me 'it's not when you go, it is just important that you go'."

"He did not know he had prostate cancer at the time, but he was a very private man anyway, and he didn't disclose those things."

At the time of his grandfather's death, Mr Orman had taken his advice and gone travelling in New Zealand.

He said: "I was aware he was ill, but I took it badly because I was not around at the time it happened."

Now Mr Orman has managed to rope in about 20 of his colleagues

from Property Care Complete Maintenance in Minster Lovell to take part in the campaign.

In Abingdon, the Kings Head and Bell pub launched its commitment to the charity at a beer festival where 50p from every pint of porter or stout was donated.

So far the team has raised £300 and hopes to reach £1,000.

Landlord Steve Hipgrave said: "The team has had great feedback from customers, many of whom have grown 'taches for the month."

Tony Jones, from Stratton Audley, near Bicester, is raising money for men's health awareness after recovering from rare penile cancer.

He was diagnosed with cancer in July, and following a successful operation was given the all-clear in October.

He and 82 others who drink at his local, the Red Lion, are hoping to raise £10,000.

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Reassurance over 'snooping'

CHANGES to the law on councils using covert investigation techniques will not affect Oxfordshire County Council's methods, councillors have been reassured.

Under new additions to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Government is seeking to regulate the use of certain techniques by authorities.

Surveillance and other methods are often used by councils to catch benefit fraudsters or other criminals.

The amendments to the bill, made in 2010, mean councils will have to prove they are using the powers to follow up "serious crimes", which are those which warrant a prison sentence of more than six months.

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Cake sale helps Children in Need



FOR the past month, Extera telecommunications in Shennington has donated £1 from every item sold to help the Children in Need appeal.

On Friday, sales manager Phil Gardner helped sell some fairy cakes donated by Looby Loo cakes of

Banbury, pushing their total up to £2,000.

Mr Gardner – dressed as Pudsey Bear with, from left, Frances Vipond, Kirst Lickorish, Rob Evans and Charlene Birt – said: “Everyone can relate to Children in Need, it brings the nation together.”

Elderly moving into new homes

MARY East, 89, is among the new residents at a former school that has been turned into social housing.

She has moved from a cramped studio flat, thanks to the £9.7m scheme at the former Stanbridge Hall School in Ruskin Road.

The building was also formerly part of Banbury School.

She said: “It is so bright and airy, with so much space. It’s easy to keep clean and I’m happier than I’ve been for a very long time.”

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By Oliver Evans

Council.

Extra care housing provides 24-hour care and support to help people live independently.

The development has 70 apartments and was built with £5m from the Government.

It also contains the Banbury Health and Wellbeing Centre which will provide classes including cookery, gardening and IT and a shop, restaurant and salon.

County council cabinet member for adult services Arash Fatemeh said: “The vast majority of people

want to live independently for as long as possible, but to do this you need the support and facilities in place.

“Extra care facilities like this one mean that people can continue to have their own homes and take advantage of extra help when they need it.”

The council wants 900 such places in the county, he said.

District council lead member for housing Debbie Pickford said: “We are delighted that the new residents are already benefitting from this impressive new scheme and I wish them the very best in their new homes.”

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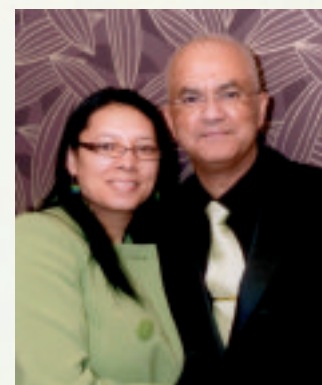
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Schools must go green or face bill from council

SCHOOLS in Oxfordshire have been told to go green or face paying nearly £500,000 of the county council's energy tax bill.

Already faced with budget cuts from the new Government funding formulas, schools are now under pressure to cut back on power under threat of heavy financial penalties.

For some it may mean turning down classroom heating, turning the lights off or making less use of computers in a bid to save cash and reduce their carbon footprint.

The tax has been imposed on Oxfordshire County Council by the

Government as part of a national energy efficiency scheme.

In turn, the authority decided to pass on the bill to schools, arguing they are responsible for 60 per cent of the council's energy consumption.

With the rising cost of energy, the countywide schools bill is expected to rocket, hitting £711,000 by 2014/15.

The cost of the energy tax will vary according to the size of the school, but would amount to thousands of pounds a year.

Concerns have been raised that poorer schools and those in older buildings will struggle most to cut back.

At the same time, the 26 academies in Oxfordshire may escape the tax unless the council can convince governors to contribute willingly.

Some schools have tried to make pupils aware their actions could cost the school money.

The headteacher of Oxford's Windmill Primary School, Lynn Knapp, said there had to be a balance between the environment and keeping pupils warm and making sure they were able to see.

Measures such as reducing the number of printers in new school buildings would be brought in to cut back on power consumption.

A report on the tax went before the county council's growth and infrastructure scrutiny committee on Monday.

Cabinet member for education Melinda Tilley said: "I know very little of these proposals but the obvious thing is that it is going to be problematic for older schools who will have problems being more efficient."

She said she would speak to officers in regard to a further briefing.

In other parts of the country, councils in areas such as the borough of Hounslow in London, and Wiltshire are also looking at schools to foot the bill.

InBRIEF

Pair try to rob office

■ **BANBURY:** Police are appealing for witnesses after two masked men attempted to rob an office in Bridge Street at about 8.40pm on Monday, November 12.

Anyone with any information should call Det Con Rebecca McCamley on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

■ **Tory is new head of Thames Valley Police**

Commissioner vote is marred by low turnout

By Ben Wilkinson

CONSERVATIVE Anthony Stansfeld has become the region's police and crime commissioner, despite being backed by only one in 20 people voting for him and an apparent protest against the new post at the polls.

His victory in becoming the new man overseeing Thames Valley Police on Friday was overshadowed by a poor turnout across the region, with just 13.3 per cent of the 1.69 million potential voters bothering to turn out.

As well as apathy, commentators said the election drew a large protest vote, with 4.7 per cent of Oxfordshire ballot papers rejected by authorities for being spoiled or marked incorrectly. That compares to just 0.53 per cent in Oxford City Council elections.

The 66-year-old former Army man from Newbury beat a challenge from Labour candidate Tim Starkey, but needed to go to a count of second preference votes to do so.

He polled 76,011 votes as people's first choice for commissioner compared to Mr Starkey's 56,631. Because he did not have an overall majority, voters' second choice of candidates were counted, leaving the Tory the winner with 94,238 votes in total compared to Mr Starkey's 70,403.

But that total equates to just 5.5 per cent of every eligible voter in the Thames Valley selecting him as their first or second choice candidate.

However, he defended the new £85,000 role against the poor turnout and high number of spoilt ballots.

He said: "I don't think it undermines the idea. Having an election in November with dark nights makes it very difficult for people to



Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld

vote. The next time, when it is held with council elections, the turnout will be highly different."

When asked about the spoilt ballots, he added: "People did not understand the election and said it was politicising the police."

"In fact this is handing down power and it is a far more democratic system then we had before."

The new commissioner role, which replaces the system of police authorities, will be to set the police budget and the force's crime-fighting priorities. Mr Stansfeld, whose main office will be in Kidlington, will also have the power to hire and fire the chief constable.

Oxfordshire voted along its recent political allegiances. Mr Starkey won in Oxford but Mr Stansfeld won the other five districts in the county, including Cherwell.

TaxPayers' Alliance campaign manager Robert Oxley said he had heard about a campaign to encour-

age voters to spoil ballots in protest.

He supported the new role but said: "Ministers should be held to account for their complete failure to explain the benefits of this policy to the public."

"Clearly a large number of people have spoiled their ballots, and this policy is clearly not without opposition. But it's not about politicising the police, it's about making them more accountable, and the system we have at the moment clearly doesn't do that."

After he was declared commissioner, Mr Stansfeld revealed he would be appointing former police authority member David Carroll as his deputy.

Independent Geoff Howard had a strong showing, coming third overall and beating the Liberal Democrats' John Howson into fourth and UKIP's Barry Cooper into fifth.

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Primary is first in county to get new Ofsted rating School is told it 'must improve'



St Mary's Primary School headteacher Kathryn Crawford

A BANBURY primary school has become the first in the county to be given the 'requires improvement' rating by education inspectors.

Up until the end of the last academic year, schools could be judged outstanding, good, satisfactory or inadequate by Ofsted.

Now satisfactory has been replaced by 'requires improvement', meaning schools so judged will have another full inspection within two years and be given a list of things to be done to improve further.

St Mary's Primary School, in Southam Road, Banbury, is the first Oxfordshire school to receive the judgement.

Headteacher Kathryn Crawford said: "It wasn't a surprise to be in that category."

"I joined the school a year ago after a period of uncertainty for the school because of changes in leadership over the last few years and we now have a very stable leadership team with a clear capacity to improve."

"When I arrived one of the first things we did was to identify what the needs of the school were and what the strengths were and also identify the areas where we need to improve, so we were already working on and addressing many of the issues which had been identified."

By Fran Bardsley

The school was told pupils did not make consistently good progress, and teaching was not good enough.

Writing, maths and marking were also highlighted as areas for improvement.

But inspector James Henry said Miss Crawford and other senior leaders had brought stability and drive to the school.

He said: "They understand what the school does well and what needs to improve."

"Changes are being made to move the school forward."

Miss Crawford described the report as a positive thing and pointed out there was now no inadequate teaching.

Shortcomings in the foundation stage had also been addressed, with the school investing £25,000 in revamping the indoor and outdoor facilities for the youngest pupils.

Behaviour and safety of pupils was given a good rating.

Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs results were also at a four-year high.

When the school was last inspected, it was satisfactory.

Miss Crawford said: "I'm not saying that at this point everything is wonderful and everything is perfect, otherwise we would have had a good or outstanding judgement, but the school is moving in the right

direction and making improvements continuously."

"We have a stable leadership team with a head and deputy, Tracy Ostler, who are committed to the school and are here for the long haul, and a group of staff who are also committed to school improvement and know what's expected."

Cabinet member for education Melinda Tilley welcomed the new Ofsted rating.

Under the proposals, no school will be allowed to remain in the 'requires improvement' category for more than three years.

Schools judged in the new category can expect a re-inspection within 12 to 18 months.

Ms Tilley said: "The satisfactory rating could have led to some schools becoming complacent, and we want them to move up."

"This new category places the emphasis on schools moving forward and improving rather than staying the same."

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Poppy fund raises £17k

■ BANBURY: Members of the Banbury Household Division Association helped raise £17,174 for this year's Poppy Appeal.

The association – for former and serving members of the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards – took part in a day of collecting at London stations earlier this month.

The November 2 event included a pipe band led by Cherwell police Det Insp Steve Duffy and a collection at Marylebone Station led by association member Ed Macfarlane. He said: "We worked very hard and achieved so much. We had a great time doing it."

Farm gates are stolen

■ N OXON: Three gates were stolen from a sheep pen in a farm in Wykham Lane, Banbury.

The incident, between 6pm on Saturday, November 10, and 4pm on Tuesday, November 13, came after a gate was stolen from a field between Milcombe and Hook Norton between 12pm and 4pm on November 13.

Call 101 with information.

Labour hold on to seat

■ BANBURY: Labour has held a ward on Cherwell District Council following a by-election.

Gordon Ross won the Banbury Ruscote seat at the vote on November 15.

Conservative Pat Thompson came second, and David Burton, of the UK Independence Party, came third. Turnout was 18.1 per cent.

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■ **Simon Hooper**, 36, of Nash Lane, Freeland, admitted failing to provide a breath specimen for analysis without reasonable excuse in Witney on March 10. Fined £185, £15 victims' surcharge, and £100 costs. Banned from driving for 16 months.

■ **Jonathan Adams**, 45, of The Avenue, Bloxham, admitted sexual assault on a woman aged 16 or over in Banbury on October 6. Fined £230, told to pay £75 compensation, £23 victims' surcharge, and £85 costs.

■ **Christopher Moden**, 20, of

Wardington, admitted criminal damage to a taxi to the value of £597.55 in Wardington on August 25. Told to do 100 hours of unpaid community work in the next 12 months. Also told to pay £296.77 compensation and £85 costs.

■ **Robert Hunter**, 61, of Union Street, Banbury, convicted of being drunk and disorderly in Horsefair, Banbury, on July 4. Given a six-month conditional discharge.

■ **Lee Bennett**, 33, of Harrowby Road, Banbury, admitted possession of cannabis in Oxford on July 8. Fined

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£35 and £15 victims' surcharge.

■ **Benjamin Marshall-Hammond**, 21, of Masfield Road, Banbury, admitted drink-driving in Warwick Road, Banbury, on September 27. Had 61mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mg. Fined £200, £15 victims' surcharge, and £85 costs. Banned from driving for 12 months.

■ **Tammy Baird**, 31, of Edmunds Road, Banbury, admitted shoplifting meat,

worth £40, from the Co-op in Mewburn Road, Banbury, on March 3. Also stole toiletry items, worth £400, from Boots in Lockheed Close, Banbury, on March 17. Discharged conditionally for 12 months and told to pay £600 total compensation.

■ **Margaret Maher**, of Golden Villa Close, Banbury, admitted failing to provide veterinary care for a cat called Ben after an injury to his leg between May 18-21. The animal developed septicaemia from the infected wound. Discharged conditionally for 12 months. Told to pay costs of £250 and

banned from keeping animals for a year.

■ **David James**, 53, of Foundry Street, Banbury, admitted shoplifting eggs and cheese worth £3.90 from Co-op in Banbury on August 23. Fined £50, £3.90 compensation, £15 victims' surcharge, and £35 costs.

■ **Julie O'Brien**, 36, of Newland Place, Banbury, admitted stealing a backpack, worth £800, at Banbury Train Station on April 21. Community order made with drug rehabilitation and supervision requirement. Told to pay £700 compensation.

Council bid to reduce the cost of energy bills

By Oliver Evans

RESIDENTS are being urged to express an interest in a bulk energy-buying plan being put together by council chiefs.

Cherwell District Council wants to secure a cheaper deal for domestic electricity and gas customers if enough sign up with the energy firm.

It would work with bulk-buying firm iChoors to negotiate a deal for those who sign up.

Lead member for clean and green Nigel Morris said: "We view having power to your home and putting food on the table as basic human rights.

"Families should not have to choose between the two, so we are doing what we can to help avoid that.

"We have a close association with food banks in the district and are now looking at how we



Nigel Morris

might help people source cheaper energy."

The council says it hopes the scheme could be taken up by other local authorities.

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The Banbury Cross Players' cast of *Calendar Girls*



■ Banbury Cross Players do *Calendar Girls* Have they got nudes for you

THE Banbury Cross Players are about to display some naked ambition with their latest performance.

Women from the town's amateur dramatic group are joining forces with hundreds of others from across the globe to raise both awareness of and funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research by staging *Calendar Girls*.

The play is based on the Miramax motion picture written by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth, and starring a host of British acting talent including Dame Helen Mirren, inset, and Julie Walters.

It is based on the real-life story of Annie Clarke, whose husband John died from leukaemia.

Annie's close friend Chris was keen to purchase a comfortable sofa for the visitors' lounge at the hospital where he was treated.

By Marc Evans

To raise funds, Chris hit on the idea of producing a calendar featuring members of the Women's Institute posing nude ("not naked!") while engaged in WI activities.

The initial print-run sold out and, before long, the village of Knapley was bombarded with international media keen to report on the feel-good story. The publicity took its toll on the personal lives of the women involved and their friendships were tested to the limit.

But it is a testament to the strength of the friendship and the bonds between the women involved that the rifts were healed.

John Clarke grew sunflowers from the onset of his illness and gave them to friends and family in the hope that he would have recovered by the time they flowered.

Sadly, this was not to be, but the

sunflower lives on as a reminder of his life and became the symbol for the ladies' fundraising.

Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research has continued to benefit from what the *Calendar Girls* of Knapley began and Banbury Cross Players are proud to be part of an attempt to make this the most-performed play by amateur companies.

Director Clare Lester said: "I was thrilled to have had so much interest and support for this production, as nudity isn't usually what's called for in Amateur Theatre!

"Lynden Players in Middleton Cheney offered us props from their production and I've even had a message from a company in New Zealand asking about our set design."

■ **Banbury Cross Players' production of *Calendar Girls* opens tomorrow at The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury, OX16 5QE, and continues on Saturday, and then November 28-December 1. Tickets are available from the Mill box office at 01295 279002 or online at www.themillartscentre.co.uk**

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SPARKS FLYING Fun, curly, green-eyed Wiltshire brunette, 44, looking for genuine, loving guy, to share some caring times and future happiness. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 852093

FOR HAPPINESS Upbeat Swindon lady, 45, 5'4", would like to meet a male, to go on dates, share company and hopefully form a relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 127393 or send a text to 80360

IT COULD BE To his Spiritual, genuine Didcot woman, 46, attractive, fun, has grown up children, likes music, clubs, cafes, films, walking and reading, seeking a caring and optimistic man, for friendship first. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123828 or send a text to 80360

OF A GENUINE DESCRIPTION Laid-back Swindon female, 46, still looking for my Mr Right, to share and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126129 or send a text to 80360

SMOOTH MOVE Slim, blue-eyed, Wiltshire female, 48, 5'2", GSOH, easy to get on with, enjoys nights out, walks and more, searching for an honest, active, interesting man. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 109958 or send a text to 80360

BRING THE SPARKLE BACK Slim, active Chipping Norton female, 50, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys swimming, dog walking and keeping fit, seeking an honest, caring and trustworthy male, for dates and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 133543 or send a text to 80360

START LIVING AGAIN Friendly, fun Oxfordshire divorced mum, 51, grown up children, looking for love again and someone to share life with. Is the right man out there for me? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 798804

SOMEONE EXACTLY LIKE YOU Caring, lovely, bubbly Bicester lady, 53, looking for a tall, kind, caring romantic man for a lasting loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 118921 or send a text to 80360

A DEEP CONNECTION Big, bubbly Swindon lady, 54, black, GSOH, caring, enjoys music, reading, going to cinema, looking to meet a like-minded white guy, 40-50, kind, loyal and fun, for a true relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115425

I'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT Sincere Swindon woman, 54, GSOH, fun personality, loves nights out, socialising and music, seeks a friendly bloke, to share lots of good times and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104377 or send a text to 80360

THAT SPECIAL PERSON Honest, bubbly female, 55, kind, loving, seeks 6ft+ male, for romance, companionship & lots more. Bicester. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 110670

RECIPE FOR LOVE Kind hearted, sociable Oxford lady, 56, active, caring, GSOH, enjoys rock concerts, seaside, animals and driving, searching for a warm, loving and funny gent, for company, sharing and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 130132 or send a text to 80360

FIRENDS FIRST Intelligent, attractive Wiltshire female, 56, widow, brunette, 5'2", likes radio 4, reading, travel, art galleries and gym, new to area and seeking a similar guy, GSOH, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 124892 or send a text to 80360

MEANINGFUL TIMES Active, outgoing Wiltshire female, 57, loves cinema, seaside, travelling and animals, would like to meet a man for company leading to a possible relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117215

HEADLINE NEWS Sincere, reliable Wiltshire lady, 57, likes dogs, travelling and good conversations, seeking an honest, reliable male, for company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 124692 or send a text to 80360

GIVE ME A CALL SOMETIME Separated, caring Devizes female, 57, genuine, loving, GSOH, likes reading, cooking, meals and cosy nights in, seeking a tall man, for friendship, leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123887 or send a text to 80360

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JUST THE TWO OF US Separated, slim, smart, attractive Marlborough lady, mid-50s, young at heart, likes meals out, dogs, cosy times and more, seeking a friend and soul mate, to go ahead with me in life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 463531 or send a text to 80360

COUNTRY WALK? Slim, easygoing Swindon woman, 57, 5'7", N/S, enjoys walking in the countryside and country pubs, searching for a decent man, to enjoy a takeaway and DVD together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100251 or send a text to 80360

CLOSE TO HAPPINESS Cuddly, young looking 58yr old Salisbury woman, likes travel, reading crime thrillers, all kinds of music, looking for a rugged man to make me smile & share fun times together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 119145

LIFE STARTS HERE Bubbly, attractive Wiltshire female, 58, slim build, 5'5", sociable, enjoys nights out, conversation, days away and cosy nights in, seeking a funny and intelligent male, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 132223 or send a text to 80360

THE LONG TERM Separated, easygoing Oxon female, 60, likes cooking, evenings in/out and much more, seeking friendly male, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100451

LOVE IS FOR SHARING Easygoing, sincere Trowbridge lady, 60, med build, 5'6", GSOH, N/S, enjoys good social life, darts, music, walking & reading, searching for that special guy, N/S and caring for dates & more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 116161

SEEKING THE RIGHT MAN Separated, attractive Witney female, 60, 5'2", curvy, likes cooking, evenings in/out and much more, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289 or send a text to 80360

GENUINE AND CARING Oxfordshire widow, 61, 5'6", slender build, sociable, caring and well-travelled, searching for a genuine, professional guy, non-smoker, for friendship, maybe lasting love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 466487

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE... Sociable, active Witney female, 62, GSOH, widow, attractive, likes meeting people, theatre, drinks, meals out and walking, seeking a similar man, caring and genuine, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 127066

KNOW WHAT MATTERS Upbeat, cultured, sophisticated Banbury lady, 62, own house and car, likes swimming and wondering about the countryside, would like to meet an up-lifting man, to fill in the gaps. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123403 or send a text to 80360

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART Happy go lucky Warmister female, 62, looking for a nice kind and reliable man to share good times together and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 120544

SOCIABLE SORT TALL Blonde Wiltshire girl, 62, enjoys cars, walks, gardening and more, searching for a sociable man, with an active lifestyle, for a loving and lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 452750

CHATS OVER A PINT? Country woman looking to meet a loving, dark haired, slim man, I'm 63yrs old, 5'7", slim and fit, love being outside, walking and gardening. Marlborough/Wiltshire Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 112241 or send a text to 80360

THE BETTER THINGS IN LIFE Divorced Swindon female, 65, 5'5", works part-time, likes walking, travelling and cooking, would like to meet a nice sociable gent, with a good lifestyle, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 114628

HONEST RELATIONSHIP Non-smoking Bradford lady, 65, 5'5", slim-build, blue-eyes with a positive outlook, enjoy countryside, dancing, music, theatre, seeking a gent, 63-68, to enjoy similar interest. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128404 or send a text to 80360

SO HAPPY TOGETHER Loving, sincere and attractive lady, 66, cuddly, would like to meet a gent who likes country walks, meals out, social drinks and places of interest for companionship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 114914

DOWN TO EARTH Happy-go-lucky Swindon female, young 71, loves walks, cooking, gardening, kisses, cuddles, looking for a loving, clean-shaven man, for a N/S relationship. Last caller please leave contact number. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 454288

GREAT COMPANIONS Wiltshire widow, 73, likes music, theatre, travel and more, searching an easygoing gent, for companionship, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104917 or send a text to 80360

NEW PASTURES Friendly, happy Swindon lady, 74, looking for a cheerful, kind gent, who knows how to treat a lady and enjoy some good times together. Are you the one? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 133285 or send a text to 80360

NICE TO BE WITH Young-minded, retired Chippingham lady, 78, 5'7", cuddly-build, likes crosswords, holidays, home life, seeking a nice gent, to share good company together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128540 or send a text to 80360



FRIENDSHIP & ROMANCE Genuine, active Oxford male, 28, slim build, 5'7", caring, enjoys the gym, cycling and generally keeping fit, would like to meet a similar female, honest, GSOH and fun, for friendship and love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 129491

WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER Down to earth Swindon male, 37, enjoys cycling, walks, travel and lots more, seeks laid back female, for good times and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100773

TIME TO SHAKE Lively Oxford male, 38, 5'10", med build, enjoys motorbikes, clubs, cinema, meals and more, searching for a loving woman, to share friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117999

EASY TO GET ON WITH Down-to-earth guy, 40, varied interests, seeking a woman, 35-48, for good times and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 134248

READY TO MEET MY SOULMATE Outgoing, sociable Oxford male, 40, black, GSOH, caring, enjoys living life to the full and would like to share it with a bubbly, attractive and kind female, for a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 127095 or send a text to 80360

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PERFECT HARMONY Fun-loving, easygoing, tactile Witney biker, 41, 6ft, stocky build, shaven head and goatee, seeks fun loving, cheeky lady to share life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 108035 or send a text to 80360

SOMEONE TO CLICK WITH Honest, genuine N/S guy, 43, 6'1", medium build, no ties, lives in Swindon, likes theatre, bowling, meals out, seeks single female, for ltr. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 107035

ENJOY GOOD COMPANY Honest male, 44, 6'3", stocky build, gosh, enjoys sports, travel, cosy times in, social drinks, seeks fun loving female, for happier times. Oxford. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 101716 or send a text to 80360

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT Outgoing black male, 45, smoker, no ties, own flat, likes pubs, eating out, cinema, clubs, holidays, searching for a like-minded woman, 35-45, for true love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123703

WE CAN BE HAPPY FUN Male, 44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5'9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 854670

COME CLOSER Active, kind-hearted and upbeat Oxford bloke, 46, looking to find an insightful, liberal woman, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 130080 or send a text to 80360

LIFE IS MADE FOR TWO Happy, active Abingdon man, 46, GSOH, med build, positive, enjoys walking, swimming and cinema, would like to meet a similar lady, 50-65, fit and positive, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 114348 or send a text to 80360

CHANGE OF LUCK? Warm, blue-eyed Banbury male, 47, 6ft, kind and truthful, intelligent and thoughtful, searching for an understanding woman, to share and enjoy a quiet and happy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 125562 or send a text to 80360

OFFER ME YOUR LOVE Happy go lucky Windsor male, 47, enjoys cooking, walks, tennis, swimming and theatre, looking for a long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126273 or send a text to 80360

NEED SOMEONE SPECIAL Happy-go-lucky Banbury male, 48, works part-time, would like to meet a woman, who like walks, social drinks and dining out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 131071 or send a text to 80360

HAPPY TIMES AHEAD Caring, genuine Banbury guy, 48, GSOH, solvent, romantic, enjoys going out for a meal/drink, country walks and warm, searching for a nice lady, funny and kind, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126861 or send a text to 80360

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL Friendly Witney male, 48, 6'1", blue eyes, enjoys sports, music, cosy nights in, going out and having a laugh, would like to meet a female friend, for good times and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115039 or send a text to 80360

LOVE TO HAVE A LAUGH Hardworking Oxford male, 50, 5'7", brown hair, own flat, likes socialising, cooking, nights in, seeks nice young lady for friendship leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 121207 or send a text to 80360

LOVE TO HAVE A LAUGH Friendly, warm hearted Abingdon male, 50, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring matured guy, to enjoy good times together, for a long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115894

TIME FOR A CHANGE Friendly, expressive and vibrant Kidlington male, 51, 5'10", active, seeking a life-loving, interesting lady, to share the future together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 114479 or send a text to 80360

ETERNAL COMPANIONSHIP Outgoing, divorced Witney male, 52, pubs, meals, nice walks, family life, seeking an interesting woman, to get to know better. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126741 or send a text to 80360

ALL TO LOVE Kind and caring Oxfordshire male, 52, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, searching for a nice, genuine girl, for friendship first, then maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 461278

SIMILAR IDEAS Down-to-earth Kidlington male, 52, enjoys swimming, walks, cinema and dining, searching for a loving female, for a steady relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 125598 or send a text to 80360

NOT TO BE MISSED Spontaneous, caring, hard-working Oxford guy, 54, likes music, cooking, live bands, good wine and Ft, would like to meet a simple woman, to share life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115773 or send a text to 80360

A FUTURE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER Divorced, young at heart male, 55, own house in Oxford, likes cinema, theatre and clubs, seeks caring female for happy times and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 107632

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LET'S FIND EACH OTHER Recently separated Bicester chap, 55, 6'1", many interests, seeking a woman for a long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 121412

THE HONEST KID Easygoing male, 57, from Oxford, likes cinema, sports, nights in, seeks female for friendship leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 110649

SHARING GOOD TIMES Upbeat Burford widower, 58, own cars, works full time, likes days in and out, countryside walks, driving, looking for a similar woman for companionship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117916 or send a text to 80360

CARING NATURE Articulate, vigorous and astute Witney man, 58, looking for a funny, innovative woman, for friendship and romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115959

CONNECT WITH ME Sincere Oxford male, 59, slim-build, 5'8", likes cinema, swimming, country walks with my dogs, seeking an honest, caring lady, to spend quality times with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128560 or send a text to 80360

CONFIDENTLY YOUNG Widowed chap, 60, 5'10", own home/business, Witney based, enjoys music, country walks, pubs, fishing, gardening, seeks outgoing female, to enjoy life again. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 107964

THE BEST IS YET TO BE Caring, romantic Bicester male, 60, works full-time, loves weekend away, car boot sales and walking, looking for a lady 48-55 to share life and love with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 118655

GENUINE FRIEND SOUGHT Easygoing Oxford male, 60, wears glasses, would like to meet a lady, to enjoy good company together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 133730 or send a text to 80360

LONG LASTING HAPPINESS Fairly fit Banbury man, 60, 5'11", fair-hair, blue-eyes, works as electrician, looking for a nice lady around the same age, for a friendship possibly leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 122384

SO GOOD TOGETHER Genuine, easygoing, happy Abingdon male, 61, own home/car, enjoys dancing, days out and walking the dog, searching for a genuine lady, with an attractive and happy nature. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 466085

ARE YOU THE ONE Easygoing Christian female, 41, 5'6", brunette living in Devizes, thoughtful, caring, affectionate & young at heart, wtm like minded lady, for friendship/committed relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 107470

HOPE THIS WORKS Cuddly Swindon lady, 47, easygoing and fun to be with, looking for friendship leading to more with a nice, friendly, bubbly woman. Where are you? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 851817 or send a text to 80360

BE THERE FOR ME Honest, caring Wiltshire woman seeking women only for social outings travel etc, anyone... Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 113955

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HONEST RELATIONSHIP Sociable Oxford male, 52, likes country walks, bowling, cinema, playing darts, snooker, cosy times in, seeking a warm-hearted man, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 126260 or send a text to 80360

MAKE A CONNECTION Interesting, friendly Oxford male, 63, varied interests, loves walks, reading, travel and more, seeks sensitive male, similar age, for a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 857624

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW... Easygoing, friendly Didcot male, 65, enjoys walks, theatre, cosy times in, socialising, seeks a friendly, active chap, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 131800 or send a text to 80360

LET'S EXPLORE Abingdon male, 68, 5'9", medium build, easygoing and affectionate, looking for a similar, to share fun and good times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 453567 or send a text to 80360

CALL ME Polite, friendly, solvent Banbury male, 75, would like to meet an assertive male, similar age, for friendship and possibly more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 134312 or send a text to 80360

RARE DISCOVERY Easygoing, friendly widower, 67, 6'1", medium-build, likes gardening, playing golf, the outdoors, would like to meet a nice lady, for a lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 134199

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY Friendly, faithful Didcot male, 67, 5'9", likes rugby, football, DIY, gardening and much more, searching for a loving woman, to make life complete. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 456285

SOUL TO SOUL Divorced, active male, 77, looks younger, 5'5", N.S.I, enjoys pubs meals, car boot sales, crosswords and cosy times, wtm charming lady, to share quality times. Oxford area preferred. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100937



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Finale of *Twilight* tests our limits of endurance

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN – PART 2 (12A, 115 minutes) Romance/Drama/Action. Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Peter Facinelli, Elizabeth Reaser, Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Jackson Rathbone, Kellan Lutz, Billy Burke, Michael Sheen, Jamie Campbell Bower, Christopher Heyerdahl, Dakota Fanning, Cameron Bright, Charlie Bewley, Daniel Cudmore, Maggie Grace. Director: Bill Condon.

THE concluding chapter of the outlandish fang-tasy series based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling books delivers a masterclass in constructing CGI mountains out of molehills.

The *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* would be more apt, considering how scriptwriter Melissa Rosenberg manages to expand 30 minutes of plot into two hours of anticipation and dread.

A climactic battle royale between the diabolical Volturi and the Cullens is certainly spectacular and director Bill Condon, who also helmed *Part 1*, orchestrates this special effects-heavy mayhem with verve.

Airborne vampires and snarling werewolves tumble acrobatically across the screen while locked in mortal combat, their desperate struggles ended with a sickening snap of a neck or crude decapitation.

Were these brave warriors anything but otherworldly creatures, which miraculously don't bleed when injured, the relentless on-screen carnage would merit a 15 certificate.

Before all of the slaving jaws and severed limbs, the fifth instalment in the series doesn't justify the decision by film-makers



Final chapter
Kristen Stewart
and Robert
Pattinson in *The
Twilight Saga:
Breaking Dawn –
Part 2*

to cleave Meyer's final book in two a la Harry Potter.

Substance is woefully lacking and there are only so many slow-motion smooches that can paper over the cracks before the most ardent members of Team Edward and Team Jacob will start to look nervously at their watches.

Part 2 begins with Bella (Kristen Stewart) re-awakening as a vampire.

Opening scenes visualise her heightened senses: the sound of a spider spinning its web, the music of a passing breeze, a trickle of a bead of water down a glass.

She sees and hears everything, contentedly falling back into the arms of lover Edward (Robert Pattinson)

Soon after, best friend Jacob (Taylor Lautner) arrives and is taken

aback by Bella's rejuvenation.

Jacob confesses to Bella that he has imprinted on their half-mortal, half-vampire offspring, Renesmee (Mackenzie Foy).

Once the young mother recovers from the shock and accepts Jacob as her daughter's protector, Bella and Edward settle into domestic bliss with the rest of the Cullen clan.

Alas, their joy is short-lived when Edward's cousin Irina (Maggie Grace) mistakenly identifies Renesmee as an immortal child – an abomination under vampire law.

She reports her fears to the Volturi, the vampire council, and their marshal an army.

Aside from the impressive final showdown, *Breaking Dawn – Part 2* feels like the dying breaths of a cash cow being milked dry.

CakeWhat's on

Music

SATURDAY: Social Club, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney: Paul D Hopkin. Country and western vocal guitarist. 7.15pm. £4, £2 members. 01295721220.

SUNDAY: Social Club, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney: Mike Nelson, singer and guitarist. 7.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9pm. £4, members £2. 01295721220

Cinema

Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury: Madagascar 3D, PG, Sat-Sun 10.30am. *Skyfall*, 12A, daily 2pm, 5pm, 8pm. *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II*, 12A, daily 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9pm. Senior Screen: *Now Is Good*, 12A, Wed 11am. *Odeon Kids: The Pirates ! An Adventure With*

Scientists, U, Sat-Sun 11am. 0871 224 4007

Theatre Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury: Nov 23-24, Nov 28-Dec 1, *Calendar Girls*. 7.45pm. £8.50/£7.50. 01295 279002 (Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm) **The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Until Jan 6, *Cinderella*. Contact box office for full details on times and prices. 01608 642350, Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-2pm

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Events

SATURDAY: Craft and gift market: The Manor, Sulgrave. Bring the children to visit Grave Christmas in his grotto. £3 per child, including a present. 11am-4pm. £2, children free. 01295 760205.

SUNDAY: Fair: Village hall, Wheelers Rise, Croughton. 11am-3pm. 07803 372260.

MONDAY: Talk: Oxford NHS Treatment Centre, Horton Road, Banbury. *All about Joint Surgery*. Representatives from Age UK and Carers Oxfordshire will also be present. 10-11.30am. Free. 01295 755064.

WEDNESDAY: Shopping evening: Holt Hotel, Hopcrofts Holt, Steeple Aston. 5-10pm. £2. 07411 747736.

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With this week's line up you are taking on a whole new personality which I must say is not the most understanding one I have seen! Please think twice about how you talk to loved ones, your words will be carrying far more weight than you may imagine. A work matter midweek will demand a professional attitude. Ring me right now so I can get you in the right mind set.

0906 585 4360

TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

A worry or stress that you have experienced with a friend is being blown out of all proportion and you must ask yourself if you would expect to be judged so harshly, should the situation be reversed. You may regret any sentence you cast on close ones when this very harsh mood has passed so try to steer clear of anyone you know can rile you. Phone me now for hot gossip.

0906 585 4361

GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Loved ones are interfering in what you had thought to be a very personal matter. However they are only trying to show you how much they care for you and you must not take offence. The tricky aspect occurring this week is going to be making it easy for you to deduce the wrong meanings from others' words. Call now to grasp the structure Saturn can offer to you.

0906 585 4362

CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

You DON'T appear to have the cash you need to proceed with some rather exotic and exciting plans. There are alternatives you know Cancer, but a stubborn mood does not seem to allow you to see that. If you can listen carefully then you can learn of some new opportunities opening up in a field of work that you have long wanted to get involved in. Phone now for answers to your worries.

0906 585 4363

LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Your time is not your own this weekend but I am sure you will make up for any fun you have missed out on later in the week. Please don't leave any business matters unfinished or you may have to pay for your laziness later. Take a new relationship at an extremely slow pace. There is much to be learnt and enjoyed by biding your time my friend. Ring now for the full story.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Gossip which you have been hearing in the workplace looks to be true as you discover at last just what options are and are not available to you. An offer from an old contact of some sort is not as straightforward as it first seemed, so be careful whom you tell. Don't let down a younger person at the weekend. There's fun to be had if you let down those defences though. Ring now for your week in full.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Make time to do some very clever research so that you can obtain the extra funds that you are seeking Aries. You and a loved one may be at loggerheads over something that you feel very strongly about but you are going to have to give a little leeway if you are to leave them room to apologise. Phone now to hear how media avenues make your life a more interesting place to be.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Aries help financial issues. The planets are going to be giving you the upper hand so that you may sort out the differences you've been experiencing with a loved one. You want control yet you long to be taken care of. It's no wonder close ones get confused. You must try to think a little more before you speak and then you will not be left with such a mess to clear up afterwards. Ring now for advice.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

The changes that you are waiting for may be a little longer in arriving I'm afraid as the planets place delays and limitations on us all this week. The stars will be showing our selfish natures on Tuesday as we say and do what we want and not what others are waiting for, so don't hold your breath for a phone call or communication. Friday is the day of revelations for you. Ring now to find out why.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

It seems you don't know what to do about the mess that your love life appears to have gotten into. Well, whatever your plan, the answer is nothing until this difficult phase has passed. Keep your mind on your own life and arrangements and not on others' and you will find out the facts that you seem so determined to uncover. Phone now to learn how you can get the apology you are owed.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

You must stop pushing a work contact for information that you are not even sure if they have or not. You have more power at your fingertips than you realise and a task that you are going to be asked to perform will prove just that on Thursday, so hold fire and keep your cool or you will miss the opportunity you have been waiting for. Phone now to hear who can't get you off their mind.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

I know this is a very emotional time for you and you may find yourself saying things that you know deep down you don't really mean. If you are trying to test a loved one's loyalty, then don't bother. I can assure you, they wouldn't be with you if they didn't care. Money matters start off perplexing but should be made clearer by Friday, to a most pleasing end too Pisces. Phone me now for the full story this week.

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Puritans deserve to come away from fellow strugglers with a victory

United get better of this six-pointer

BANBURY United produced a tenacious display to win their crucial Premier Division relegation battle away to fellow strugglers Hitchin Town on Saturday.

Boss Edwin Stein's side deserved to earn a victory which takes them above Hitchin and into 19th place in the Evo-Stik Southern League table.

Banbury's front two of Albi Skendi and Kyrnan Isaac posed a constant threat to the home defence, the former having a shot blocked early on.

Hitchin Tn 1
(Frendo 74)
Banbury Utd 2
(Blossom 39, Adeyinka 81)

The visitors took the lead in the 39th minute when Wayne Blossom headed home from a corner.

The defender almost netted again a minute later, but his header went wide.

Hitchin raised their game in the second half, Callum Donnelly seeing his shot fumbled by Dean Coleman.

In another attack, Zack Burke shot wide for Town.

At the other end, a great double save by home keeper Martin Bennett denied both Skendi and Isaac.

Against the run of play, Hitchin equalised in the 74th minute when leading scorer John Frendo took advantage of a mistake by Coleman to run the ball into the net from close range.

But they were level for only seven minutes as Banbury's Talabi Adeyinka struck home the winning goal from a fine pass by Scott Bridges.

Banbury: Coleman, Gray, Martin, Blossom, Ashton, Agyeaman-Prempah, Bridges, Plowright, Skendi, Isaac, Adeyinka.



Banbury United boss Edwin Stein saw his side gain narrow win

Teenage driver is left satisfied

CHIPPING Norton motor racer Sean Walkinshaw ended the Pro-tyre Formula Renault BARC Winter Series ninth overall.

After finishing 13th in the first race of the final round at Rockingham, the 19-year-old MTECH Lite driver then climbed from 16th on the grid to claim 10th place in the second and last race of the season.

"Qualifying was tough and the first race was even tougher," he said. "We could have got a bit more out of the weekend, certainly race two, but overall I'm pleased to end with that performance."

Aunt Sally ace helps team win

PHIL Allen's 14 dolls helped Bicester to a 4-2 win over Banbury in the Banbury Indoor Aunt Sally League.

Steve Arthurs also posted 14 dolls as Deddington defeated Easington 4-2.

Six Bells C stayed top of the Kidlington Indoor League with a 4-2 win over Kidlington Sports & Social Club. Roger Goodall led the way for the victors with 12 dolls.

RESULTS

Banbury Indoor League: Easington 6, Castle Quay 0; Banbury 2, Bicester 4; Wroxton Heath 4, George 2; General Foods 0, Deddington 6; George 0, Bicester 6; Deddington 4, Easington 2; General Foods 6, Castle Quay 0; Wroxton Heath 0, Banbury 6. Top scorer: P Allen (Bicester), S Arthurs (Deddington) 14. Sixers: G Badlwin (Easington), P Dempsey (General Foods).

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Old Post Office delivers in style

By Andrew Smith

A GRADE II listed family home offers a wealth of original features, with the modern benefits of a major renovation.

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Sitting in the heart of the village, the property is built from local Hornton stone with a thatched roof and flexible accommodation on three floors.

The ground floor features a dual aspect drawing room with inglenook fireplace and wood-burning stove, exposed stone walls, ceiling beams, wood flooring and beech window



seats. A part-glazed garden room creates an ideal dining area, with French doors to the garden.

The kitchen has a range of fitted base and wall units with integrated fridge, dishwasher and space for a range cooker, while the sitting room offers versatility as a snug, office or playroom.

First-floor accommodation comprises a dual aspect double bedroom with

extensive storage space, a further two bedrooms, a family shower room and an additional cloakroom.

Two further double bedrooms have been created on the second floor, one with a vaulted ceiling with exposed ceiling beams along with a bathroom with free-standing roll-top bath.

Outside, a detached two-storey outbuilding, currently used as a workshop, could be converted into secondary accommodation or used as a home office.

The garden enjoys an elevated position, with views over the rooftops of Wroxton and features an orchard with plum and apple trees.

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By David Duffy

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A mixture of thin crust pizza base, cheese, banana, cinnamon and sugar appears an unappealing combination, but in the hands of master pizza maker Jack Hibner it is transformed into a taste triumph.

Nissan has cooked up a similarly unlikely concoction by taking the British-built Note family runaround and packing it with luxury equipment. The hugely versatile fversatile has been upgraded to n-tec+ specification and fitted with everything from chunky, 16-inch, 'diamond cut' two-tone alloy wheels and darkened rear privacy glass to a touchscreen Connect satellite navigation system, housed in a piano black surround, and rear parking sensors.

Add to that, climate control, automatic headlights and rain-sensitive wipers, and the result is a thoroughly useful, easy to manage and fun-to-drive five-seater, which has a properly upmarket feel.

Its appeal is obvious as it offers a large amount of interior space, both in the cabin and the boot with plenty of flexibility about how the space is used.

A key feature is the clever load area, which has a false floor, cov-

ered by twin steel-framed boards. Lifting either of the boards reveals a storage space beneath the boot floor ideal for stowing valuables out of sight. Lowering the luggage boards into the well increases the load volume to 380 litres. Should extra space be needed for larger items, the rear seat can slide forward — a simple, one-handed operation either in the load area or from inside the cabin and the boards can be removed altogether, raising total load space potential to 437 litres.

The boards are also reversible, with carpet on one side and an easy-to-clean waterproof surface on the other and they can also be positioned vertically.

Needless to say there are plenty of storage spaces around the cabin including a nine-litre glovebox, capable of holding up to a dozen cans, which on the test model could be heated or cooled. Prices for the



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For more information on the n-tec+ Note go to www.nissan.co.uk or @NissanUK on Twitter. For more details on the Brazilian banana pizza go to The Pit Stop Café, see @pitstopcafeclb on Twitter.

Auto facts

Model: Nissan Note 1.5 dCi n-tec+
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The 1.6 TDCi diesel Econetic Fiesta, piloted by former rally stars Andy Dawson and Andrew Marriott, completed the ALD Automotive/Shell FuelSave MPG Marathon's 370-mile course having used just 3.4 gallons of fuel, clocking up an average of 108.78mpg on the varied and challenging route through the hills of South Wales and the Cotswolds.

The course was made more difficult by heavy rain, a collapsed bridge and a traffic light failure along the way, the latter two forcing the 20 competing cars

to search out unscheduled diversions.

Second place in the outright fuel economy category of the fuel-saving contest went to a Kia Rio 1.1 CRDi, which, at 102.21mpg and having finished the course before the Fiesta, was the first car in the event's history to break the 100mpg barrier. Mick Linford and Steve Croughan were the men behind the wheel. Third and fourth places were both taken by 1.4-litre diesel Peugeot 208s, both achieving more than 90mpg.

Event organiser Ross Durkin, of *Fleet World* magazine, said: "This year's MPG Marathon will be remembered for the two teams who beat the elusive

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